A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) About two years and four months. (Ten officers held the post between 11th October 1899 and 9th May 1923).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The power of appointment rests with the Governor-General in Council. The Local Government is consulted before the appointment is made.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know why the Local Government have not considered any scheme of appointing the local Indian Medical Service officers as Surgeon-General ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Because they are far below in the list."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"They may be promoted by selection though not by seniority."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is no supplemental question."

Public Health

Appointment of propagandists by the South Arcot Temperance Committee

*1511 *Q.*—Mr. K. RAMACHANDRA PADAYACHI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many propagandists the South Arcot Temperance Committee have appointed for the district ;

(*b*) to what communities they belong ;

(*c*) whether any propagandists have been appointed from the classes addicted to drinking ; and

(*d*) why no propagandist has been appointed from the Padayachi community and the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [b] showing the information is laid on the table. The Chairman, District Propaganda Committee, South Arcot, reports that applications for appointments as pracharakas were not received from persons belonging to the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes.

Registration

Promotion of clerks as Sub-Registrars in the Registration department.

*1512 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any principles or rules govern the promotion of clerks as lower grade Sub-Registrars in the Registration department, and if so what they are, and whether the same will be laid on the table of the House ?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 399 infra. [b] Printed as Appendix III on pages 399-400 infra.